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"And The Heavens Were Opened"
Original artwork by Gary Kapp. We
feature this artist and his work in
this issue of The Arizona Beehive.

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"And He Blessed Them Every One"

Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp

Gary Kapp, Latter-day Saint

PAINTER

By Merry Gordon

The way he tells it, there are two things that led prolific Latter-day Saint painter Gary Kapp to a career in fine art.

One was his mother, Ruth. "We had the greatest mom. She was always writing music, writing poetry . . . just a very creative person. She was our influence. That's why we are all into art," Kapp says—and by "we all," he includes himself and his sisters, Janice Kapp Perry and Ann Perry Anderson, whose musical talents are well known in the Church. Clearly, Ruth Kapp's stamp on the world of Latter-day Saint art and culture is assured.

The second thing that led Gary Kapp to art? One day at BYU, he walked through the wrong door.

Kapp was then an engineering

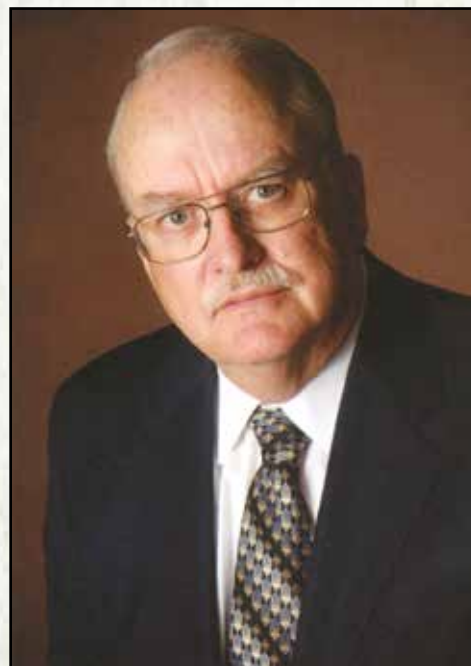


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Gary Kapp, artist.

major in need of a job. He'd heard that the school was hiring projectionists. But when he got to the Herald R. Clark building, he walked right into the art department by mistake.

"I walked in the wrong door and I didn't know it," Kapp recalls. "I said, 'I'm here to apply for the job' and the guy said, 'Let's see your portfolio.'" Kapp didn't even know what a portfolio was. When they told him, Kapp, who had always been artistic, went home and filled a notebook with sketches. When he brought it back the next day, they hired him on the spot to do a cartoon series.

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

What is the worth of a soul?

This question has been posed in countless Sunday School classes, Missionary trainings, Seminaries and Institutes. In 1829 Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer received a revelation in which the Lord exclaimed His answer to this question: "The worth of souls is great in the sight of God!" (D&C 18:10)

President Monson shared some insight to this thought in an April 1987 General Conference talk. As a member of the Council of the Twelve, he was attending a stake conference with Paul C. Child, a member of the General Church Welfare Committee. When it was Brother Child's opportunity to speak, "he took the Doctrine and Covenants and left the pulpit to stand among the priesthood to whom he was directing his message. He turned to section 18 and began to read: 'Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God.'

"President Child then raised his eyes from the scriptures and asked the question of the priesthood brethren: 'What is the worth of a human soul?' He avoided calling on a bishop, stake president, or high councilor for a response. Instead, he selected the president of an elder's quorum—a brother who had been a bit drowsy and had missed the significance of the question.

"The startled man responded: 'Brother Child, could you please repeat the question?' The question was repeated: 'What is the worth of a human soul?'

"I knew President Child's style. I prayed fervently for that quorum president. He remained silent for what seemed like an eternity and then declared: 'Brother Child, the worth of a human soul is its capacity to become as God.'

"All present pondered that reply. Brother Child returned to the stand, leaned over to me, and said: 'A profound reply; a profound reply!'

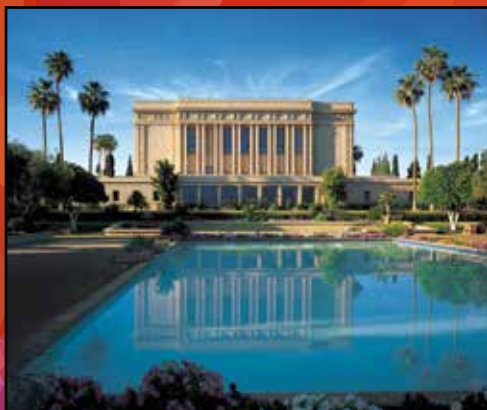
You may have heard that after a nearly three-year renovation, the Mesa Arizona Temple is reopening! After a public open house expected to draw 400,000+ visitors, this temple will be rededicated on December 12, 2021. Human souls on both sides of the veil will receive saving ordinances. Those performing such ordinances will earn the title "Savior in Zion." Each soul working to increase their capacity to become as, and live with God our Eternal Father and His son, even Jesus Christ.



We anxiously anticipate this event, and once again doing the work of salvation in this magnificent building. It has been greatly missed!

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"A Drink At The Spring"

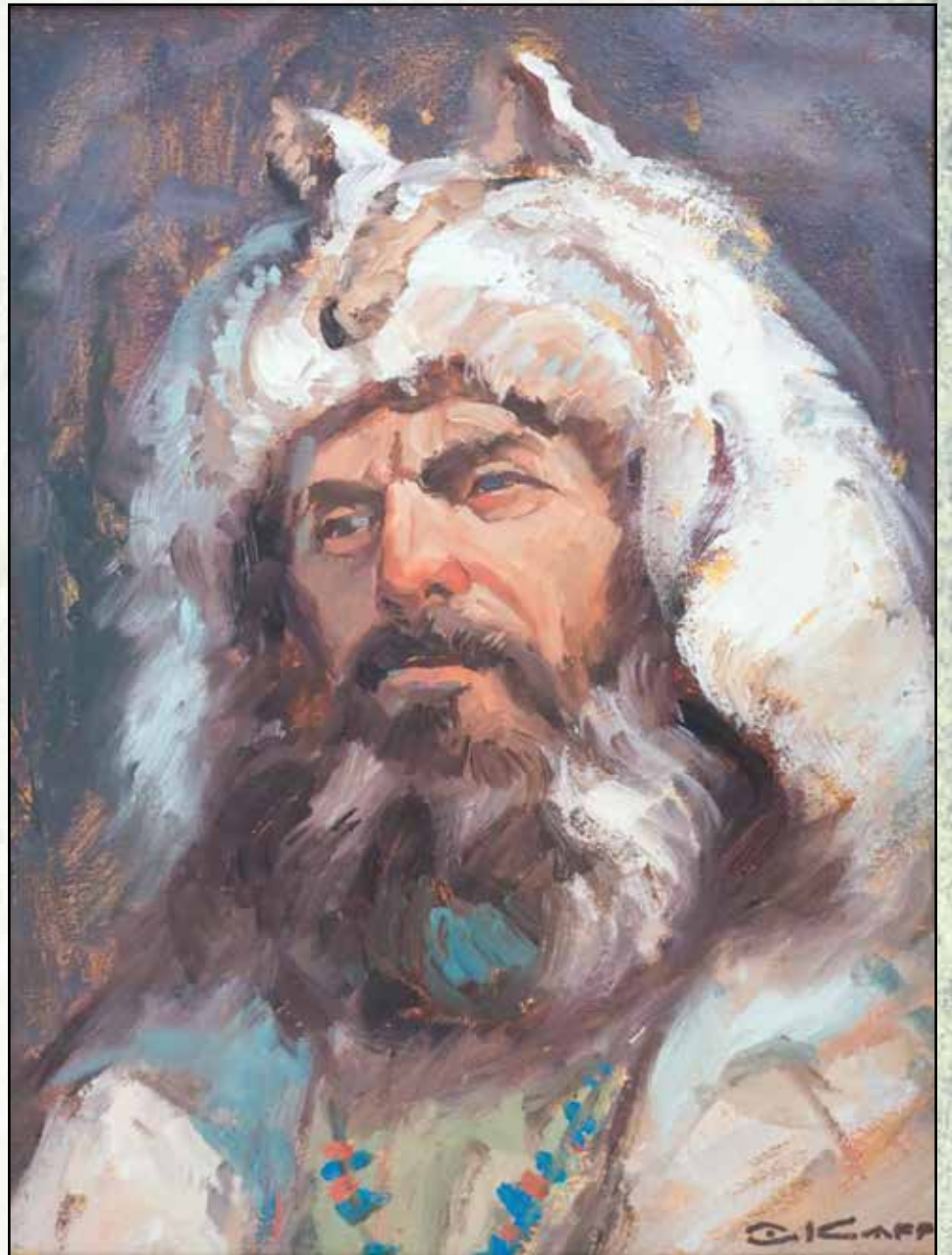
Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp

Kapp immediately changed his major from engineering to art and the rest, as they say, is history.

Born in Ogden in 1942, Kapp moved to Oregon as a child. Spending his formative years on a small ranch there would inform his art for

the rest of his life.

Kapp left that ranch in Oregon for Utah to attend Brigham Young University in 1966. His studies were curtailed briefly to serve a mission in the Great Lakes region, and to marry his sweetheart, Diane Perry. He



Gary Kapp, Framed Oil Painting

Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp



"Praise To The Man"

Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp

Painted commercially for years, doing backdrops and illustrating film strips for the Church, but his heart was in the sweeping landscapes of the West and the frontier-Native American genre that had fascinated him all his life. In 1976, he walked away from commercial art to focus on becoming an independent artist.

Western art kept the Kapp family afloat for a while.

"At one point, you could sell anything with a horse in it," he jokes. "Our little farm in Oregon was half farm and half ranch. We were working cattle and we had some horses and things." When Western art took off, Kapp thought to himself, "well, that's a subject I know pretty well, cowboys and cattle!"

When interest in Western art waned after the 1970s, Kapp turned to the faith that had sustained him from childhood.

"I had a really good run of Western

art, but at a certain point, I just really wanted to do something significant."

He cites Arnold Friberg, whose Book of Mormon illustrations captivated him as a child, as a major influence.

"[Friberg's] paintings came out in the Children's Friend when I was about fourteen. I used to study those paintings and I thought if there was a way, someday that's what I'd do too."

Kapp and his wife fasted and prayed for the right opportunity. One morning, Kapp awoke early in the morning with a vision in his head—a painting of Alma the Younger and the sons of Mosiah with the angel. He ran out to his studio, sketched out his idea and returned to bed. The next day, a woman knocked at his door asking for a large painting commission. Kapp asked her what she had in

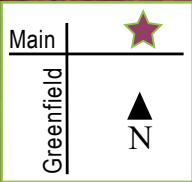
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mind.
“She said, ‘I’m thinking about Alma and the sons of Mosiah,’” he recalls with wonder. “It was a miracle for us.”

Kapp began painting spiritual scenes. He and his wife had five sons and a daughter, and sales from prints he’d made of the Savior and Joseph Smith kept all five boys on their missions.

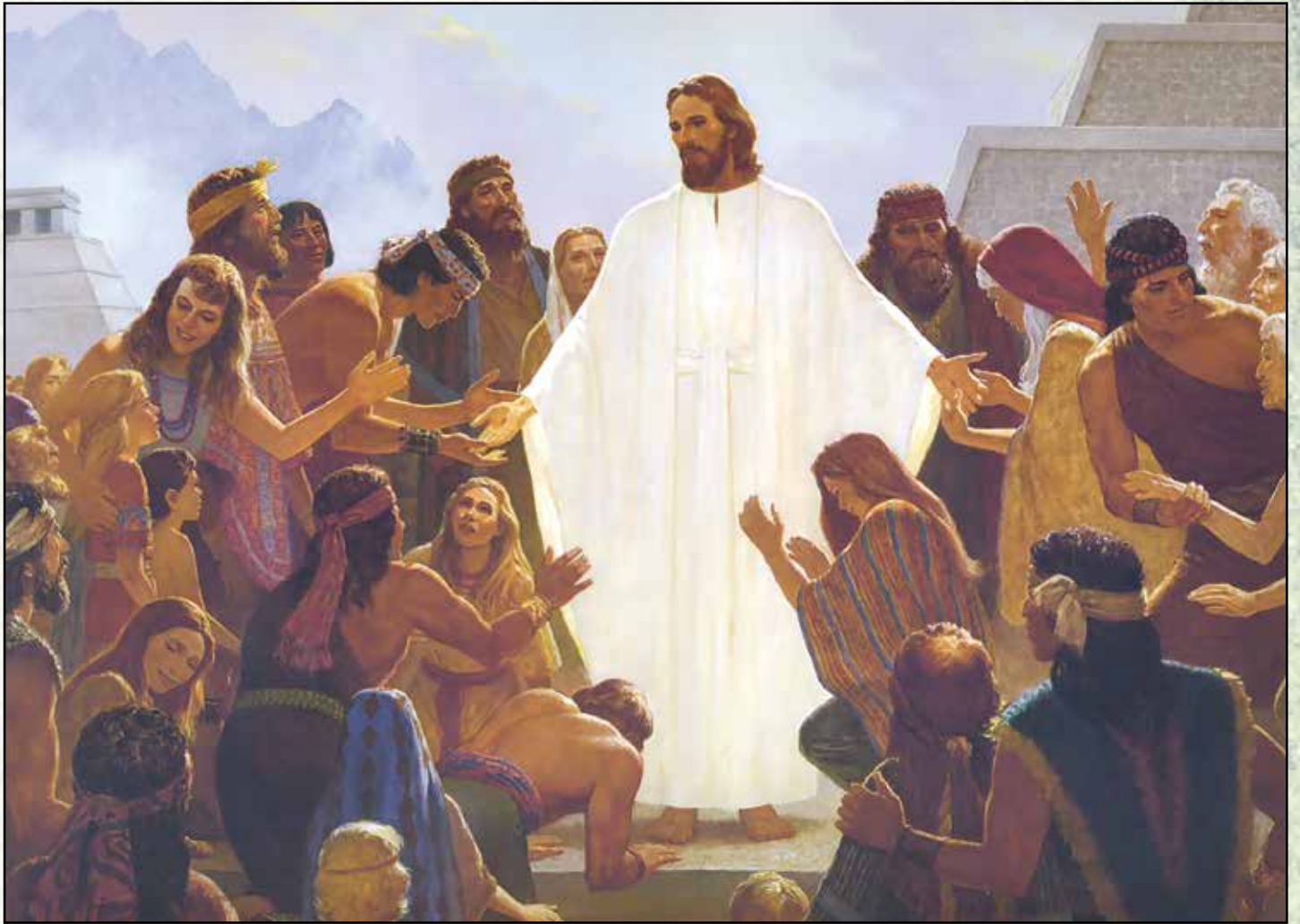
“It was just an obvious blessing,” he says.

Creating religious art presents a unique challenge for Kapp, who has painted Joseph Smith, scenes from the Book of Mormon and even the Savior. Kapp’s art not only graces galleries and homes, it also features prominently on temple walls.

“I really have tried to get it right over the years, especially when the Savior is involved,” he says. “I really wanted to get Him right.”

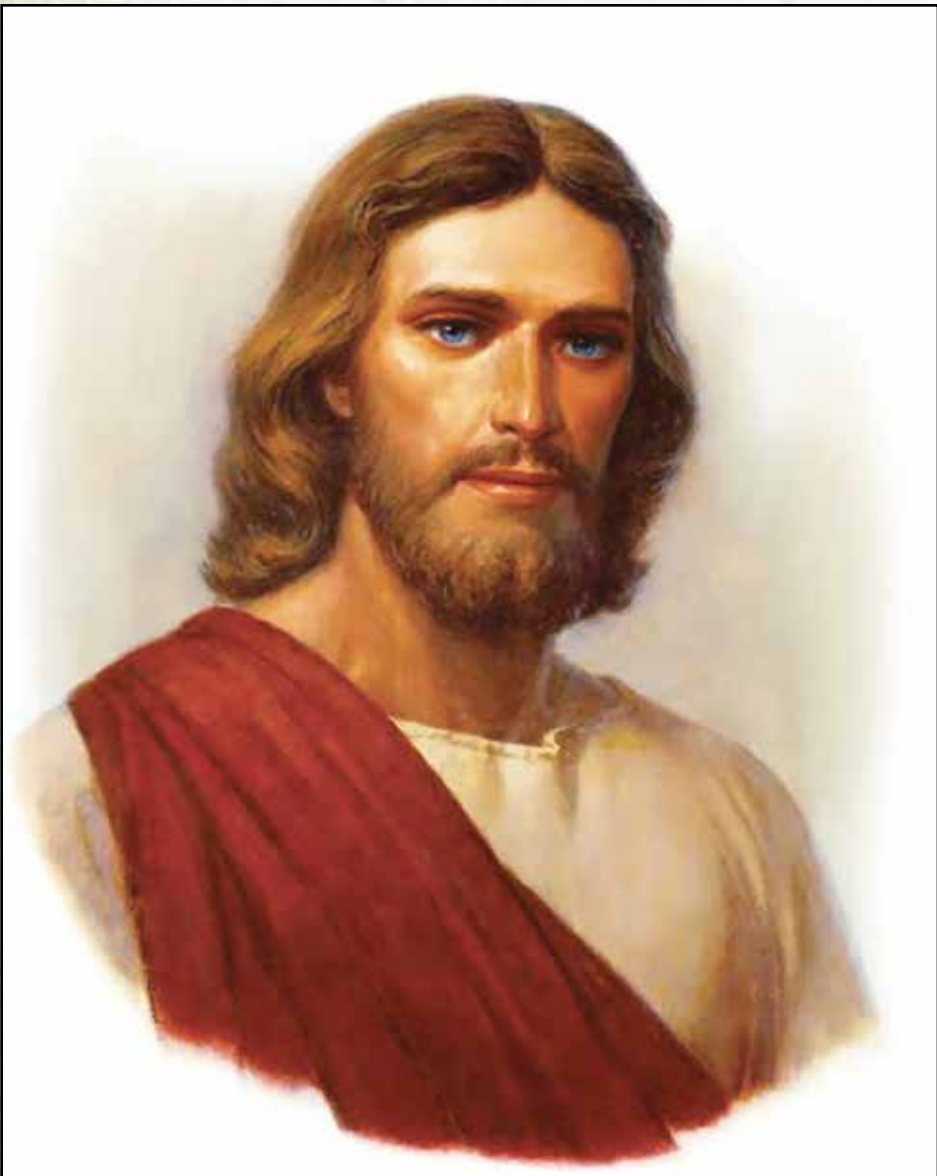
One painting in particular resonates with Kapp.

“One time I was doing a painting of Christ healing the sick in the Book of Mormon. There’s a



“That Y May Know”

Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp



“Behold I Am Jesus Christ (Red Robe)”

Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp

crowd of people almost life-sized in the foreground and the painting was so big that I had to kneel down to work on the bottom of the painting,” Kapp says. “Once I looked up and it was like I was in the crowd looking up at the Savior right there looking down at me.” That was, Kapp recalls, “a very emotional experience.”

But a heart attack a few years ago left Kapp at a crossroads.

“I pretty much died on the table while they were working on me and they brought me back.” Kapp speculates he must have begged to go back to care for his bedridden wife. While he was grateful for his recovery, the convalescence brought with it an unusual ambivalence about his art career.

“I just wasn’t interested in painting,” he says. He did, however, find himself enchanted by something he’d seen other artists trying: three dimensional fairy houses, whimsical sculptures of a miniature world.

“Boy, were they amazing. I looked at those and I thought, ‘I can do that.’ I have a crazy imagination and it’s always running off in some direction,” he laughs.

Post-pandemic, Kapp’s world is beginning to open up again. People are coming out to his Provo home to see his fairy houses. His Western pieces are



Image courtesy of artist Gary Kapp
Greeting Cards Gift Box Set.

selling in Jackson Hole at the gallery of his old friend, Jim Wilcox.

And painting? The magic, it turns out, is still there.

Last year he painted three versions of the First Vision. He’s been working for two years now on a painting of Christ healing a little girl.

“I guess I just get to noodling with it . . .” Kapp trails off, the smile in his voice apparent. “There’s always something more to paint.”

Visit <https://www.covenanttreasures.com/artwork> to see Gary’s current projects.

To see more images of Gary’s work, find this article online at ArizonaBeehive.com.



By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them!

The Freeman Family “Orange Patch” Legacy in Mesa



Photo by Orange Patch Too

Unforgettable seasonal fruit and a year-round boutique always offering something new are just a couple reasons to visit Orange Patch Too.

By Emily Jex Boyle

Where Red Mountain looms large and the Urey and Superstition Mountains frame every sunrise, there is treasure.

Each year, suffocating heat mercifully yields to cooler weather. During the heat hiatus, as if an offering for enduring the summer temperatures, emerges one of Arizona’s greatest creations. As aspens turn yellow in higher elevations, green orbs of citrus turn too.

In the 1960s a local Mesa couple,

Art and Anita Freeman, began farming 200 acres of land in Old Lehi, leased from the Kaser family. The Freemans planted young citrus trees 20 acres at a time. The task was daunting, but anyone acquainted with the family knows the Freemans don’t shun hard work.

At first, they seasonally sold their citrus from a bench along the side of Lehi Road. Bagged and tagged, local citrus was ready for folks to pick up with a trusting money box sitting there for payments.

As word spread and demand grew, the Freemans opened a small roadside stand. That stand soon became a store, built from wood of an old barn at the farm and located yards away from where the early Mesa settlers first forded the Salt River. Anita named the store the Orange Patch.

For a time, Freemans sold their citrus to Sunkist, but considering the increased cost of shipping through a packing house, they decided to sell locally.

In the 1970s the Freemans began buying edible items in bulk, bagging it themselves, selling in their store and to other stores. Lehi Valley Wholesale was born. For a time, free guided tours on tractor-pulled “people movers” offered visitors a chance to see the orchard and operations of the family farm.

As urban development crept into rural Mesa in the 1980s and 90s, the Freemans wondered if it would destroy their orchard. When the State Route 202 came through, the Freemans lost 71 acres. The construction split the orchard in half. Further development continues to affect the farm.

Over the years, the Freemans expanded to a second store open year round called Orange Patch Too, open year-round. They’ve established legendary status in and out of the state for their sweet citrus and unforgettable fresh orange juice (also known as liquid gold). They’ve also built a reputation for their unique and novel gifts and holiday boutiques.

Reflecting on their life, Art spoke of Anita, his marriage and business partner: “I have always said that she never woke up and said, ‘Good morning’ but rather, ‘What do you think of this idea?’”

Highways, homes and busi-



Art Freeman plows with his father’s tractor on the farm.

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nesses replace acres of citrus trees, yet treasured local businesses like Orange Patch Too offer local fruit and other novelties, surviving through work and wit. After all, fresh squeezed orange juice is far better than any options at the supermarket.

Between December and April you can still find delicious fruit at the Orange Patch on Lehi Road. The Orange Patch Too is open Monday through Saturday year-round near Falcon Field at 3825 E McKellips Road in Mesa. Visit www.orange-patchtoo.com for more information.



Aerial view of the groves prior to development in Old Lehi.

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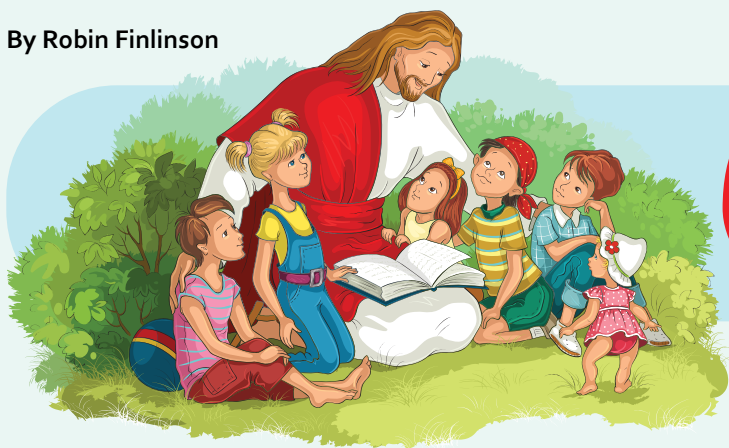
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Come Follow Me

This article supports the readings assigned in the manual titled “Come, Follow Me—For Individuals and Families” for September through mid-November, comprising Doctrine and Covenants chapters 93-132.

TEMPLES: Holy Places For The Lord’s Work

The purpose of temples is to give every individual who has ever lived the opportunity to qualify for eternal life with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

“Whenever the Lord has had a people on the earth who will obey His word, they have been commanded to build temples...” (Bible Dictionary—Temple).

To understand holy temples, one needs some knowledge of holy priesthood.

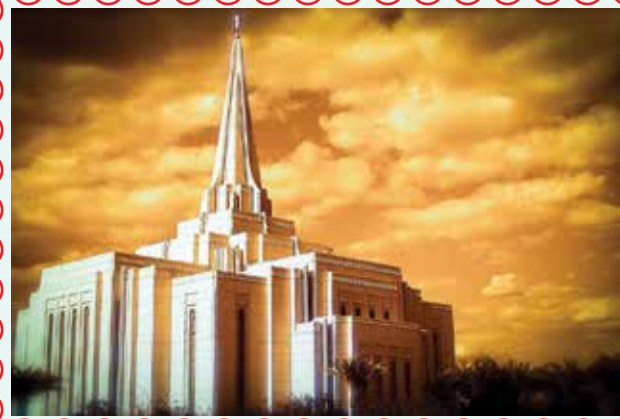
Under the Priesthood of Aaron, only the first of several requisite saving ordinances can be performed: baptism.

But there is more beyond baptism, because the Lord desires to “endow” His people with knowledge and “power from on high” (D&C 95:8) and fortify, purify, and exalt them. Further ordinances and covenants require stronger commitment from faithful disciples, a place dedicated for sacred work, and a higher priesthood authority.

Hints of a higher priesthood are found in the Holy Bible.

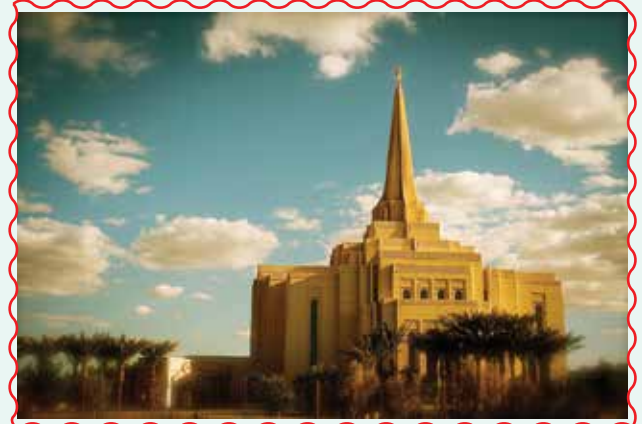
For example, the Priesthood of Melchizedek (See D&C 107) is mentioned in Genesis 14, Psalm 110, and Hebrews 5 through 7.

In Matthew chapters 16 and 17, the Apostle Peter is given “the keys of the kingdom of heaven” and told, “whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...” Moses and Elias (Elijah) then restore lost authority, including power to perform



The Gilbert Arizona Temple.

Photo by Robin Finlinson



The Gilbert Arizona Temple.

Photo by Robin Finlinson

the sacred ordinance of uniting families together eternally.

Through the Melchizedek Priesthood, Peter and John bestow the gift of the Holy Ghost upon recently-baptized converts (Acts 8). (That ordinance does not require a temple when performed for the living.) An arrogant man named Simon sees this occur. Desiring that same power to bestow the Holy Ghost upon people, he unwisely offers them money for it.

Simon didn’t understand “[t]hat the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness” (D&C 121:36).

The Bible also hints of ordinances performed for ancestors who have passed on.

In Revelation 20:12, John the Revelator writes of the dead being judged according to their works, as they’d been recorded. The latter-day Prophet Joseph Smith recognized that those “works” were temple ordinances performed on earth by proxy. Records of that work were carefully kept on earth and in heaven, ensuring each soul and each family unit is accounted for (D&C 128:6–8).

The Apostle Paul testifies that work for the dead was not done in vain because, thanks to Christ’s resurrection, all will rise again (1 Corinthians 15:29).

The Bible Dictionary states, “From Adam to the time of Jesus, ordinances were performed in temples for the living only. After Jesus opened the way for the gospel to be preached in the world of spirits, ceremonial work for the dead, as well as for the living, has been done in temples...” (See 1 Peter 4:6).

The tabernacle described in Exodus was a portable temple, constructed for the nomadic Israelites in Moses’ day before a permanent structure could be built under the leadership of Solomon.

Every ancient prophet since Samuel taught of the time of restoration of lost knowledge and authority and of even greater revelations given in the last days—the dispensation of the fullness of times (Acts 3:24). That dispensation is here.

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All Are Welcome to the Newly-Renovated Mesa Temple Visitors Center



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Enormous block letter displays spell “MESA”. The “A” is lying down. Like the temple, it depicts pioneers.

By Robin Finlinson

On August 12th, Brazilian-born Elder Ulisses Soares of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles dedicated the new Mesa Temple Visitors Center to God and His purposes and welcomed everyone to it. Elder Paul B. Pieper, a General Authority Seventy, confirmed that “everyone” means those of all faiths, cultures, life-styles, etc.

A press conference was held the next day, before the center’s August 14th public opening, and *The Arizona Beehive* attended.

Other attendees included Olympic gymnast MyKayla Skinner—silver medalist on vault in Tokyo—and her husband Jonas Harmer. MyKayla offered this invitation to readers of the *Beehive*: “This place is beautiful. Come feel the Spirit. Feel peace. Feel the love. If you want to feel that, come here, because I know that you will.”

Another young Latter-day Saint couple there was Bella and Dallin Lambert, who were excited to share some of the center’s myriad appealing features with



Photo by Robin Finlinson.

The center is located on the corner of Main Street and Lesueur Street, across Lesueur from the Mesa Temple.



Photo by Robin Finlinson.

MyKayla Skinner chats with Church members from Salt Lake City headquarters who came to support the center’s dedication.

light that come out from it.” He also noted the etched Bible verse, Matthew 5:16, and that by following Christ’s example, people can be a light in the world.

The Savior and temples are the center’s focus, but guests can also learn of Mesa’s founding, including significant contributions of and collaboration between Native American tribes and early settlers sent from Utah. Family history experts are available to help guests use onsite computers and discover records of their own ancestors. Everything is free and available in English and Spanish.

Just before leaving the center as the press conference concluded, Elder Soares was asked if he had any other message for people here: “I do! Yes. Yes. For the people of Arizona, I welcome them to this



Photo by Robin Finlinson.

One of a few comfortable rooms in which guests may visit with each other.

their hundreds of thousands of social media followers.

The center was created particularly with young adult interests in mind. Hundreds of them were interviewed or surveyed for their ideas. Many from this area’s five Young Single Adult stakes now volunteer there to assist visitors with interactive displays throughout the site.

While the center features a designated section for families with small children to learn about temples, the entire building is a visual, tactile, intellectual and spiritual playground for all.

For Tanner Kay, product manager of guest experiences for all twelve visitors centers worldwide, the “gramable” (short for Instagram) photo backdrop is especially noteworthy. It’s a mirror, reflecting images and light.

“This etching in the glass,” he explained, “is to represent the Valley of the Sun, and all the rays of



Photo by Robin Finlinson.

Left to Right: Pablo Felix, the Church spokesperson for the Spanish language in the Phoenix Metro area; Elder Paul Pieper, a General Authority Seventy over our region; Elder Soares of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles; and Ken Smith, who lives in this area and has a calling in Hispanic relations.

visitors center, and I hope they will come and enjoy learning what we have here to offer to them—not only the spirit of gathering, the spirit of belonging, but also a way for them to connect with their ancestry, and enjoy the spirit of connections with their ancestry and with God and Jesus Christ.” His message would be, of course, the same for locals and travelers: welcome.

The center is open 9 am to 9 pm daily, including Sundays. The address is 525 E. Main Street in Mesa.

Come, Listen To A Prophet's Voice

Laying the Groundwork to 'Hear Him' at Conference

By Katherine Ogden

Every year we have two major opportunities to listen to church leaders talk. With the 191st Semi-annual LDS conference coming up in November, it's a good time to start thinking about ways we can prepare for listening to those talks.

How do you synopsise a worldwide conference with so many talks? In his concluding address of April 2020, President Russell M. Nelson did it with two simple words: "'Hear Him.' . . . We are to *hear* the words of the Lord, *hearken* to them, and *heed* what He has told us!"

In preparation to 'Hear Him', we might consider the following:

1

What is unique to our situation? Everyone's situation is different; we might range from newly married couples to parents with small children or teens to young adults to empty nesters.

Sister Angie Dunn shared, "Sometimes we go to Walmart ahead of time and let each kid pick a cheap notebook to keep personal notes in for conference."

Another sister shared these ideas: "When my kids were younger, I came up with quite a few conference-related activities for them to do while we watched (conference bingo, activity pages,

etc.), and sometimes we reviewed the photos of the Quorum of the Twelve and First Presidency beforehand. I also like to do very simple activities while I watch, like crochet or cross-stitch or cover paperback books with contact paper, etc. Maybe I'll be the only one in the family busily multi-tasking, but then I notice that I'm also the only one that never falls asleep!"

2

Ponder questions you need answers to in your life or in your family. As a family, discuss what you need to learn, both individually and together. (For example: How should I handle a problem at school? How could I strengthen my testimony?) On paper or in a journal, write down your questions and, in the weeks leading up to conference, think and pray about these questions.

Sister Dunn shared, "Sometimes we have a special FHE beforehand where we share questions that we want to take to conference. We've had years where we've helped each other listen for answers to those specific questions. Sometimes we invite friends over or go to my parents for specific sessions. Often we will have themes or words we are looking out for, to encourage everyone to listen."

3

Plan to listen with intent and then 'go and do'; be ready to follow through. Sister Lori Ellsworth shared, "Within the month before the upcoming conference, I'll reread and study all of the previous conference talks. I want to have all of the messages in my mind and I feel the need to show the Lord that I'm ready by reading them again. I'm hungry for more, but I don't feel that I have claim to any more if I haven't studied what I already have."

4

Think of someone you might invite to watch general conference. Pray for them and about how you might share your testimony with them. Share on social media about general conference.

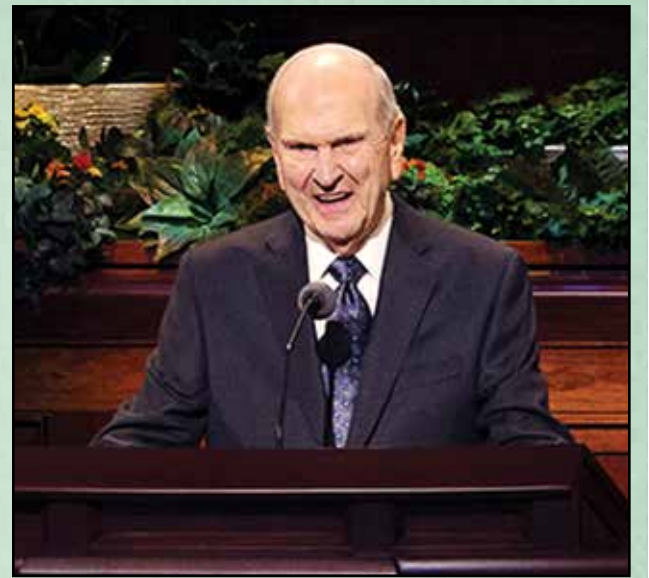


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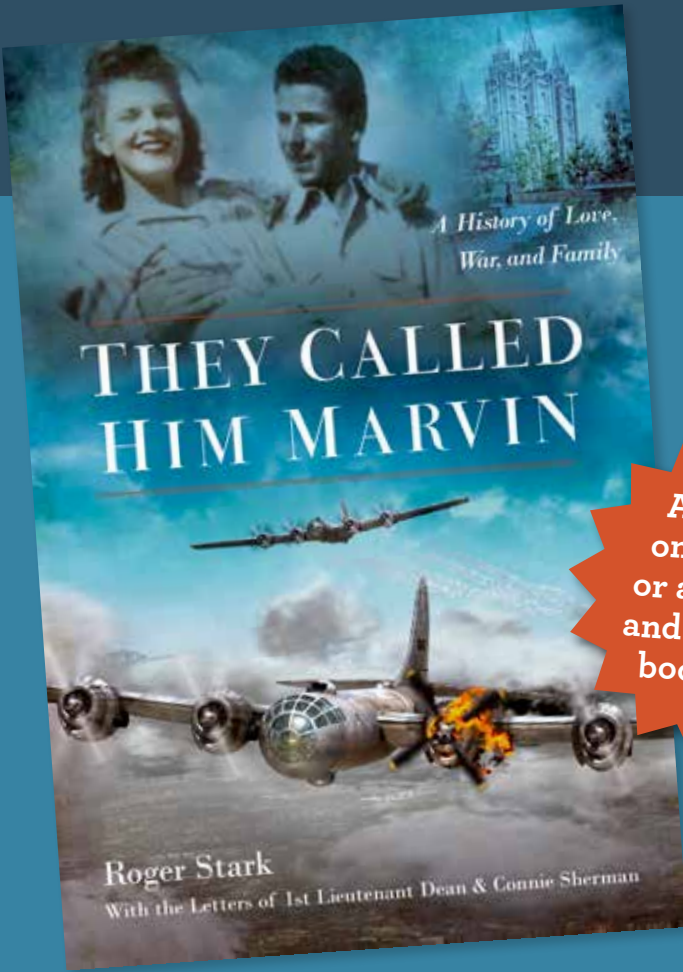
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PREP YOUR MISSIONARY

By Allison Beckert

Opportunities to Serve as a Senior Missionary Couple

Missionary work has changed rapidly in the last ten years and continues to change with each year to match the needs of the world and the Lord's message. One call has continued to resonate: the call for senior couples to serve as missionaries. While the narrative of missionary work often revolves around the youth and their preparation, what can potential couple missionaries do to prepare to serve?

Service for couples is substantially different from what's expected of youth, and it's also changed from what service has looked like for couples in the past. In fact, the diversity of service options has led to the creation of a website specifically for couples that want to serve but aren't sure what kind of mission or role will be the best fit. SeniorMissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org is a site made to show potential missionaries answers to frequently asked questions, wide ranging options for service opportunities at home or abroad and assistance in recognizing where their talents can be used in the service of the Lord's call to gather Israel.

When considering a formal call to serve in a full-time missionary status, there are some criteria to consider. The most updated requirements can be found on the website; they include a minimum available hours, age, employment status, considerations regarding dependents and worthiness to serve. Couples can request different terms of service, including 6-, 12-, 18-, or 23-month assignments. Since couples looking to serve have a wider variety of concerns—including financial questions, family concerns or health worries—SeniorMissionary.churchofjesuschrist.org has an extensive 'About Serving' page that addresses these weighty issues with clear direction. Any concerns can be reviewed in more detail with your bishop and stake president before submitting your paperwork.

With the rapidly changing conditions in domestic and international service, allow your experience to be its own journey. Brother Dana Willis and his wife, Sister Brenda Willis, have recently received their call to serve in the Spain Madrid Mission and graciously shared their experience and insight for this article. Their instruction and training included preparing to support members and ward/stake leaders, music instruction and language courses. When asked for their advice to couples considering a mission, they shared three points: First, follow President Nelson's admonition to increase your faith and review recent teachings from the prophet and the apostles. Second, if you wish to serve overseas, study other languages. Third, physically prepare. Exercise and work on your health—including digging out those immunization records!

Most importantly, recognize your unique talents, the value of your experience as a member of the church and as a professional, parent and human being in the world, and move forward with faith when prompted to serve the Lord as a missionary.

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Your unique talents and experience can help reach members, non-members and investigators in ways a companionship of elders or sisters might not.

A Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with One Step

Preparing Your Child for School

By Heather Sandstrom



It's amazing how fast this summer has flown by. It's already time to start getting ready for a new school year. Each fall I think of the saying, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

One way to prepare for starting the year is to encourage your children to go to bed a little earlier each night so that their bodies are in sync for their school schedule.

Make breakfast a part of your morning routine. A nutritious breakfast will help kids concentrate better at school. Send a healthy snack with them to carry them through the day.

Another way to get them excited to go back to school is to take them clothes shopping for new outfits and let them pick out their school supplies. Help them organize their backpacks, rooms and closets so they feel ready to start the year.

It's also a great time to sign up for their music lessons, sports and clubs. Encourage children to get involved in activities, clubs, sports, music or service projects. Having extracurricular activities keeps them busy, helps them make new friends and allows them to develop their talents. Find something they love to do and really encourage them. They'll meet more people and feel involved and needed.

Help your kids set goals for the year academically, socially, and physically. Goals should be **SMART**:

Specific – clear and well defined

Measurable – can be valued precisely

Attainable – possible to achieve

Relevant – aligned with personal life

Timely – have a deadline

Henry David Thoreau said, "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals."

We always have a father's blessings the night before school starts, which really allows our family to feel prepared. Every morning before school, we pray together and read scriptures. According to Robert Collier, "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Try to encourage kids not to com-



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While the continuing pandemic may present roadblocks, some rituals help provide a smooth return to school.

pare themselves with others. There will always be smart and talented people around, but reassure them they are also great and smart! Stephen King said a great quote, "You can, you should, and if you're brave enough to start, you will." Let your kids know they can achieve their goals and dreams.

Many of us have children or grandchildren going off to college for the first time. Going away on their own is a big adjustment. What can we do as parents to help and support them?

Don't expect their university directors to get in touch with you when difficulties arise. Remind them to keep tutors, advisors or leaders aware if they're having any problems or difficulties.

It's a good idea to touch base with them regularly. Be chatty about your day and interested in the things they tell you. Try not to interrogate. Text or call them enough so they know you care without being hovering or intrusive.

Send them little packages of their favorite treats or a thoughtful note. Include some fun holiday decorations or goodies they can share. They'll know you love and miss them.



It's that time of year again!

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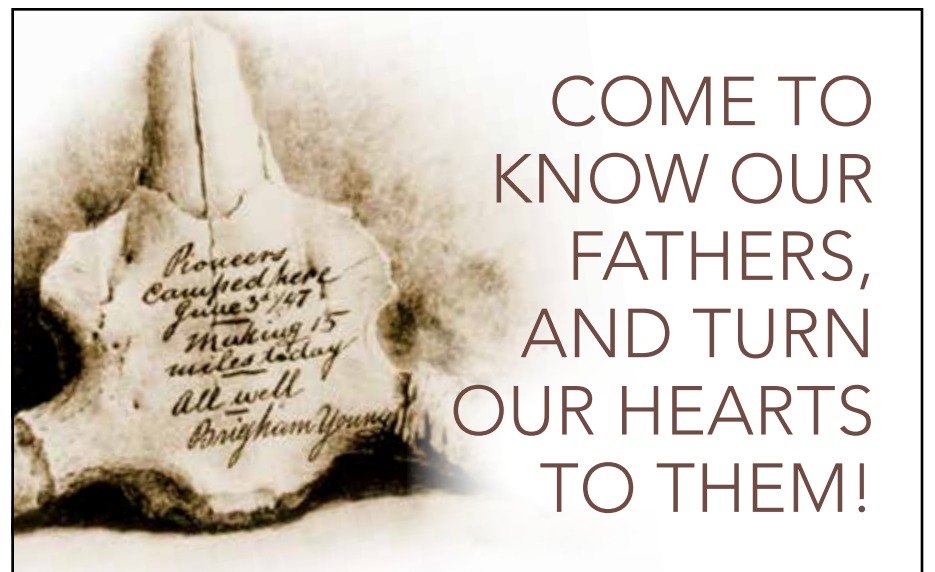
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The FamilySearch Research Wiki Provides Expert Help at Your Fingertips

By Glen
K. Tolman

The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a hidden gem that many FamilySearch users know little about. You won't find an ancestor's death date here, but will find out how and where to find the death date.

According to its description, "The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. Articles included are locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include pertinent genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it."

The Research Wiki contains over 95,000 articles and is continually growing.

To learn about using the Research Wiki, I suggest going to familysearch.org on your phone or computing

device for the next sections and following along. If using your phone, access familysearch.org using a browser and not the FamilySearch Tree app.

We will focus on using locality pages for countries around the world and for entities such as states and provinces within the country. For example, there is a locality page for each state. Pick a state and familiarize yourself with what is available. Get to the map shown in the illustration by selecting the *Search* section on FamilySearch.org and then selecting *Research Wiki* and the map will display. Select *North America*, then *United States* and then pick a state. Spend a few minutes exploring the wealth of content available.

The locality pages are organized in a consistent way. If we selected *Idaho*, the locality page is titled *Idaho, United States Genealogy*.

There are several sections. I will describe the first two. One is titled *Idaho Information*, which lists some general information. This is followed by *Getting Started with Idaho Research*

and *Idaho Research Tools*. The other section is titled *Idaho Wiki Topics*, including the topics *Beginning Research*, *Record Types*, *Background*, *Cultural Groups*, and *Local Research Resources*.

Now here is a specific example using the Research Wiki. We are searching for specific death information about

an ancestor who died in Pennsylvania between 1900 and 1910 census, as he is listed on the 1900 census and his wife is listed as a widow by the 1910 census. Using the map shown in the illustration, we select *United States* and then *Pennsylvania*. Under the topic *Getting Started with Pennsylvania*, we see the heading *How to Find Death Records*. There are two date ranges

listed that apply: 1892 – 1905 and 1906 – 1963. We see that from 1906 the state recorded deaths, and we can now find several options for searching by name.

Hopefully, this article has helped some of you learn how the FamilySearch Research Wiki is there to answer questions and help with your family history research.



Managing Discouragement, Anxiety and Stress

Add a Mental Health Checkup to Your To-Do List

By RuthAnn Hogue

The fall season has long been synonymous with back to school.

This year, however, returning to the classroom has overtones of uncertainty in the aftermath of routines that have been inconsistent and often confusing for parents and children alike.

That's why it makes more sense than ever to add informal (or more formal, when warranted) mental health checkups to your to-do list for each member of your family, just as you already do with annual physicals for your students who play sports.

Checking on their mental health at the beginning of another school year is just as important. The 2020 Mental Health in America - Youth Data | Mental Health America (mhanational.org) reports that 13.06% of all youths between the ages 12-17 in Arizona experienced at least one major depressive episode (MDE) last year, ranking the state 21st nationally and affecting 72,000 students. Because mental health issues can range from minor anxiety to full-blown suicidal tendencies, participating in National Suicide Prevention Week (September 5-11) is one way to open discussion with family members. Sponsored by the American Association of Suicidology since 1975, the weeklong educational campaign includes World Suicide Prevention Day, which falls this year on September 10.

MentalHealthFirstAid.org, a website published by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, notes the importance of establishing lines of communication.

"Mental health challenges can negatively affect your child's learning and social development, so it's important that you check in often and are equipped with the tools and skills to support them in the best way possible," the NCMW website states. "Foster a space for your child to communicate openly with you, and be honest with them about how you're feeling, too."

Give them the tools they need

You wouldn't send a new driver on the road without a spare tire in the trunk and access to emergency roadside assistance if they have not yet learned to change a flat themselves. Likewise, it makes sense to provide our children with the tools needed to cope before they find themselves in crisis mode.

"Gizmo's Pawesome Guide to Mental Health" teaches many of these tools in a way children can understand. It's based on the adventures of a real-life therapy dog named Gizmo who teaches children everywhere how to cope. Visit gizmo4mentalhealth.org for more information on educational programs including slide presentations and more.

Beyond National Suicide Prevention Week

One week is not enough to tackle every aspect of how to teach our children—or learn for ourselves—how to manage feelings of discouragement, anxiety or stress. Fortunately, October is filled with additional opportunities to explore a variety of related topics including:

- National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month
- Health Literacy Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- Bullying Prevention Month
- Mental Illness Awareness Week (First week of October)
- OCD Awareness Week (Second week of October)
- National Health Education Week (Third week of October)
- National Depression Screening Day (October 8)
- World Mental Health Day (October 10)

For information on local events and activities, contact the Arizona affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness at www.namiarizona.org or by phone at (602) 244-8166.



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Numerous mental health awareness days, weeks and months take place between September and October, and offer a great opportunity to check in with how well each family member is coping with the uncertainty of COVID-19 and more.



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Mental Health America National says untreated depression in children can lead to ongoing depression when they become adults.

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Neighborhood Ventures Offers Crowdsourced Commercial Real Estate Investing

By Merry Gordon



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Jamison Manwaring is the co-founder and CEO of Neighborhood Ventures.

“I just wasn’t a hedge fund guy,” laughs Jamison Manwaring, the co-founder and CEO of Neighborhood Ventures, a real estate crowdfunding company in Arizona.

For a while, though, he was a hedge fund guy—and a successful one, too.

After graduating from the University of Utah in finance, Manwaring became an equity analyst for Goldman Sachs in New York City. It was interesting work and the kind of prestige position many in his field dream of.

But Manwaring’s heart wasn’t in it. “We managed money for very wealthy folks, and after a while I got the feeling that I wanted to come back to my roots,” he says.

In 2015, Manwaring moved to Phoenix to become the Vice President of Investor Relations at LifeLock. A few years later, when LifeLock was bought out, he realized he had options—and a little investment capital. In 2017, Manwaring, along with co-managing partner Jason Kobierowski, founded Neighborhood Ventures.

Recognizing that commercial real estate is often beyond the reach of all but the elite, Manwaring wanted to break that barrier. His company uses the innovative approach of crowdsourcing to acquire, renovate and eventually resell commercial real estate for profit, allowing everyday people not only to take control of their financial futures, but to invest in their own neighborhoods.

Manwaring serves as CEO while Kobierowski is the President of Real Estate, and the team is rounded out with Rocky Petersen, Vice President of Investor Communications and Design, and Chris Lacasse, Vice President of Acquisitions.

Manwaring is racking up accolades for his acumen, too. *Phoenix Business Journal* recognized Jamison as one of its 40 Under 40 Class of 2020, the same year *AZRE Magazine* touted him as one of 20 young business leaders shaping commercial real estate in Arizona.

Manwaring closed on Mesa’s Venture on Williams earlier this year. His



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Neighborhood Ventures took Jamison Manwaring from Wall Street to Main Street.

team is hoping to capitalize on the success of that 20-unit complex by following it up with another, Venture on Country Club. Announced in June of 2021, the project raised 1.3 million in its first days with over 130 for the 120-unit Mesa hotel-to-apartment conversion. Investments start at \$1000 with a target hold period of three years, an early 6% cash flow

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MASTER TEACHER

Self Development Academy Focuses on Learning, Diversity

By Tony Gutiérrez

High school junior Nathan Tucker has been working as an aide at the Self Development Academy's preschool since last spring. Having attended the academy from preschool through eighth grade, Tucker feels a sense of pride being able to give the students the same care he once received.

"It's a phenomenal feeling to help them understand something that they didn't before," says Tucker. "It makes you feel like you're contributing to society, even if they don't remember it when they're older."

The Self Development Academy started as a preschool 31 years ago, the brainchild of Dr. Angie Majeed. Majeed saw a need for an accelerated

curriculum for her children and created a preschool herself. As her preschool graduates entered kindergarten, their parents discovered their kids were ready for first or second grade and asked Majeed to open up a school.

"It was such a successful campus that parents wanted it to continue," says Tici Smith, the head English and Language Arts teacher at the Mesa middle school campus. Smith also assists with marketing and development for the school.

The academy currently has four physical campuses. The original campus in Mesa has approximately 500 students enrolled from kindergarten through eighth grade. The campus in Central Phoenix has close to 300 students, the Glendale campus has about 70 and the East Mesa campus has about 40 in kindergarten through third grade. An online campus has also opened up this year. Although the academy had already been planning for online learning, the coronavirus pandemic provided the opportunity for a "pilot year."

The ethnic and socioeconomic background of Self Development Academy students is diverse, Smith says, noting that 80 percent of parents of students attending the Phoenix campus speak a language other than English.

As a public charter school, Self Development Academy does receive state funding, but additional fundraising activities support the academy. Because it



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Two young girls play during recess at the Self Development Academy.

is a public charter, the academy accepts any students and parents desiring their curriculum.

"We do some kindergarten assessments, but we don't turn anyone away," Smith says. "We accept anyone who comes to our doors regardless of what their background is, whether they're gifted, or they have some difficulties and need some support."

For Smith, a Latter-day Saint who attends the Three Fountains Ward in the North Mesa Stake, her work at the Self Development Academy ties in with her faith. Although she and her husband do not have children, Smith sees the

children she works with as her own family.

"Christ was the master teacher. At His heart, He was a teacher, and you see that in His whole life. He is my example of how to be a better teacher. As a teacher I feel more connected with who He is because I see such a reflection in what I'm doing and what He did during His lifetime," she says. "[My students] are the source of my joy in a lot of ways, and they are what's made me grow. They challenge me every day to be more and to live up to that expectation."



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A young girl pays attention in class at the Self Development Academy.



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Neighborhood Ventures

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and a preferred return of 12%. Investments will likely continue through the close of the year.

Neighborhood Ventures has hundreds of shareholders in properties all over the Valley and in Flagstaff. Venture on Country Club will be its 10th investment opportunity.

Mesa holds a special appeal for Manwaring: Francis Martin Pomeroy, who was called by Brigham Young to settle the Salt River Valley, is his direct ancestor.

"Mesa has a lot of history. We love Mesa—people want to live there," Manwaring says. "They like seeing what we do locally. They believe in Arizona."

Manwaring's focus is the investor experience, and he likes to stay close

to his clients. To him, seeing hard-working people putting their money into local projects is a bigger payoff than anything Wall Street has to offer. His investors like real estate, he says, because it's "a tangible investment that they can see and touch." Manwaring keeps them connected through YouTube videos, monthly updates, quarterly livestreams and open houses.

"The real freedom here," Manwaring explains, "is getting passive income—'mailbox money.' If you can start investing early, that 'mailbox money' can offset your expenses and give you more freedom."

To learn more about Neighborhood Ventures go to <https://neighborhood.ventures/how-it-works/> or contact Jamison Manwaring at jamison@neighborhood.ventures.

A Man and a Movement

WRIGHT WHERE YOU ARE PODCAST INSPIRES

By Allison Beckert

Jason Wright, a man and a movement, has put his life into his work spreading a message of service to others and really seeing people for who they are and where they are in life. As an author, speaker, internet creator and now podcaster of *Wright Where You Are*, he carries several themes to his audiences. One such message stems from his most successful book, *Christmas Jars*. Serving and giving no matter your own circumstance is a blessing to the giver as well as the receiver.

Jason carries another favorite theme through his journalistic work as well as his web series, *Give a Lift*. So often we stay in our own circles of influence, our comfort zones and our prescribed professional and social groups. In his speaking presentations and projects, as well as his new podcast, Jason uses his talents as an interviewer and presenter to introduce listeners to diverse perspectives and the life experiences of others.

In this new podcast, started this year, Jason's guest list is a who's who of inspiring voices and enlightening perspectives. For those interested in writers, creators, authors, teachers, entrepreneurs, speakers and more, each episode introduces listeners to a new resource. Get a flavor for their message with Jason's insightful questions and personable discussion. There are deeper points as well about what it means to handle unthinkable adversity. Some guests' journeys have been kick started by tragedy, and the way their inner strength takes them from the depths of distress to a purposeful (and challenging) rise provide real lift to listener and guest.

While guests span ranges from international speaking circuit stars to artists to charitable trailblazers, Jason always asks them some of the same questions at the end of his interviews. Often, based on the discussion, there are hints to how they may answer, but

each time the replies vary. The title of the podcast, as Jason shares with his guests, was the result of a lot of discussion with his family, and suggestions gathered from his readership around the world. At the conclusion of each episode, he asks his guests what the phrase means to them in the context of the show and the literal 'right where you are.' The responses are as varied as his guests, as much a testament to the concept of the podcast as well as to the success of Jason's sharing new views on the world.

The second question Jason poses to his guests is a succinct masterpiece of an interview question. Simply put, he asks them if they, the speakers, could choose one thing for listeners to take

with them from the episode—assuming we forget the rest through our day and longer—what would it be? If that question were about this article, *Wright Where You Are* is the place to be for uplifting stories, inspirational lives and motivating messages.

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According to Erikson: "The best protection lies not in memorizing every possible fact or in debunking simple errors but rather in knowing how good thinking works."

In Italian, *rumore* means noise, as well as confusion. While some noises can be enjoyed, like the brook Julie Andrews sings about in *Sound of Music*, the one that, "trips and falls over stones on its way," other *rumori* are disruptive, even harmful.

In his recently-published book, *Real vs. Rumor: How to Dispel Latter-day Myths*, LDS author Keith A. Erikson examines rumors and myths in Church history in order to illustrate the vital need for critical thinking in a world full of swirling information. Erikson includes examples from popular culture, history and scripture in each chapter and encourages readers to hold on to the real amid the rumor.

Erikson is a teacher, an award-winning author and public historian. He currently serves as the director of the Church History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Erikson earned a PhD in history and a master's in business administration. The ideas in *Real vs. Rumor* are the result of three decades of experience in presentations, classrooms and conversations with thousands of people.

It is Erikson's belief that thoughtful combination of study and faith opens doorways to deeper discipleship, an ability to discern deception, and opportunities to tackle tough topics. Skills taught in the book can help readers with all facets of history, past and present.

From his experience with history, facts are only one piece of the

whole. Other important takeaways include how the facts are presented or put together. In this way, things can be taken out of context, manipulated, and at times, removed all together. Studying these elements can help us learn to recognize truth from error.

Erikson explains, "As soon as you see those kinds of distortions, you know this stinks, this doesn't smell right."

One example used in the book is the story from the Book of Mormon of King Lamoni's court, when many in his household fall to the earth after hearing and receiving Ammon's gospel message. When people point fingers and raise accusing voices, the queen seeks understanding from Ammon about her husband's unusual situation. Though there were those who say he is dead and that he stinks, to his wife the queen, "he doth not stink."

In *Real vs. Rumor*, "sniff tests" are ways to help readers recognize warning signs of rumors and myths.

"The sniff tests are clues that something just isn't right. The thinking habits are skills that combine study and faith," Erikson explains in a recent *Deseret News* article. "Both need to become reflexes that help us make sense of the world around us."

Four key points are included in the book's appendix:

- Survey the situation.
 - Analyze the contents.
 - Connect to the context.
 - Evaluate significances.
- Before sharing stories in church

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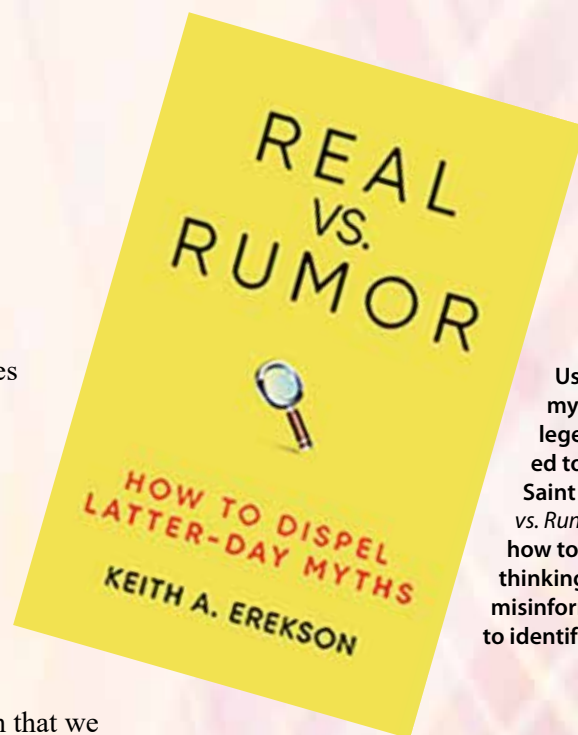


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Using rumors, myths, lore and legends connected to Latter-day Saint history, *Real vs. Rumor* teaches how to use critical thinking to navigate misinformation and to identify truth.

settings, Erikson urges Latter-day Saints to verify their accuracy.

"Pause and think before you share a story," Erikson says. "If you decide to share it, as teachers or speakers, it's our responsibility to verify the information that we share."

For more information about the author, this book and others, visit Erik-

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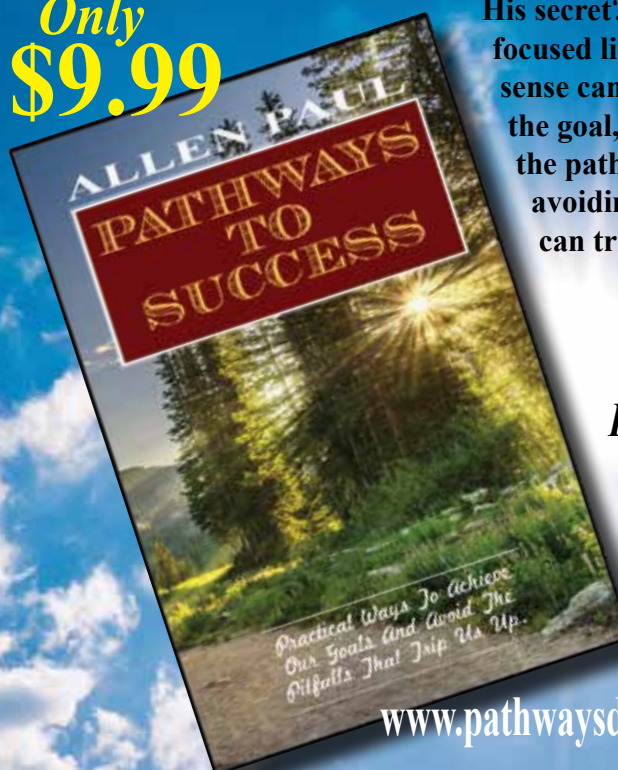
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Queen Creek Trunk or Treat.

#4 Trunk or Treat!

Calling all guys and ghouls! Queen Creek's Trunk or Treat features food, carnival games, escape rooms, Nerf wars, and fun for the whole family. Come in costume for a safe and spooky pre-Halloween eve.

What: Queen Creek Trunk or Treat

When: Oct 16, 5 – 9PM

Where: Queen Creek Town Center,
21802 S Ellsworth Rd

Cost: Entrance is free, with minimal cost
for carnival games and food

Info: queencreekaz.gov



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The Scottsdale Bridal Expo is free with preregistration!

#1 Here Comes the Bridal Party!

Are there wedding bells in your future? Drop by the Valley's largest free wedding expo to check out everything: designer gowns, venues, honeymoon destinations, wedding cakes . . . the works! You must preregister for tickets, which will allow you and your entire party entrance to the event.

What: Scottsdale Bridal Expo

When: Sept 19, 2021, from 10AM – 2PM

Where: Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts,
7380 E 2nd St

Cost: Free with preregistration

Info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nes-scottsdale-bridal-expo-fall-2021-tickets-152777681157?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



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Dia de los Muertos is the Latin American Day of the Dead.

#2 Dance with the Dead

If you loved the movie Coco, you'll love Mesa's Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festival. The Latin American fiesta celebrates the memory of dead ancestors and offers art, performances and family events.

What: Dia de los Muertos

When: Oct 23, 10AM – 5PM, and Oct 24, 12PM – 5PM

Where: Mesa Arts Center, One East Main St

Cost: Entrance is free, but the event will feature
food and craft vendors

Info: <http://mesaartscenter.com/diadelosmuertos>



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The Cloud at Tempe's Kiwanis Park.

#5 Get Your Head in the Clouds

The Cloud at Tempe's Kiwanis Park is the town's largest water play feature. You want jelly sticks? Loops and misting spray? Light and sound displays? The Cloud has them all, and entrance is free.

What: The Cloud at Tempe's Kiwanis Park

When: Open daily from 8AM to 10PM
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Where: 5233 S. Ash Avenue

Cost: Free

Info: (480) 350-5200 or tempe.gov



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Desert Breeze Park Railroad.

#3 All Aboard!

Get your ticket to ride at Chandler's most popular family hangout! Entrance to Desert Breeze Park is free, but you can buy tickets for the open-air 1880s-style train and other rides, like the 1950s Allan Herschell Carousel. It's a back-in-time adventure for everyone!

What: Desert Breeze Railroad

When: Open weekends (check website for specific times)

Where: Just south of Ray Road on Desert Breeze Boulevard East

Cost: Entrance is free, but all-day ride bands are \$9.50
and individual tickets are \$2.25 each or 10 for \$20

Info: <http://www.desertbreezerr.com/>

What's Cooking?

By Rachael Fuller

GO CRAZY FOR CRACK BREAD

Since finding out I was diabetic a few years ago there have been several changes in my food life. Some have been easy and some have been ridiculously hard. One of the hard ones has been just how much bread I cannot eat. Bread is delicious and wonderful in its many forms and I miss being able to eat it whenever I can. That said, when I am going to splurge and eat bread I want it to be special.

This epiphany led me to a magical recipe: crack bread. It has everything your heart could possibly desire: warm, crusty bread, garlic and herbs, ooey gooey cheese, butter, tangy Parmesan, all the flavors. This has become our go-to bread to serve with almost anything, and it's my kids' favorite. Pro-tip: the bottom of the bread is the best!



Crack bread ingredients.

Photo by Rachael Fuller

Crack Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 loaf of bread (sourdough is wonderful)
- 1 cup of mozzarella cheese (shredded or fresh will both work)
- ½ cup of shredded Parmesan cheese (use more if desired)
- Garlic/herb butter
- 1 stick unsalted butter, melted
- 2-3 cloves minced garlic
- ¾ tsp of kosher salt
- ½ tbsp dried Italian herb blend

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

STEP 2: Combine melted butter, garlic, dried herb blend and salt in bowl and stir to combine.

STEP 3: Cut the bread on a diagonal into 1" diamonds, but do not cut all the way through the bread.

STEP 4: Place the diamond-cut bread on a large piece of foil.

STEP 5: Use your fingers to pry open each crack and drizzle in the garlic/herb butter. I use a pastry brush for this step.

STEP 6: Next, stuff some mozzarella and Parmesan into each crack. This might sound like a bit of an effort, but it is so worth it. You don't need to be neat.

STEP 7: Pour remaining butter mixture over the top of the bread.

STEP 8: Wrap the foil around the loaf, I like to leave a little gap at the top so the cheese doesn't stick.

STEP 9: Bake for 20 minutes until the cheese has mostly melted, then unwrap the top of the foil and bake for 5–10 minutes more to make the bread nice and crusty.

STEP 10: Devour and enjoy!



Cheesy gooey goodness!

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Melinda Carroll's first published book, *The Cowboy Who Stole My Heart*, is now available. She says it's "perfect for people who love Hallmark movies, cowboys and falling in love."

Carroll sums up the book like this: "Sky Stanton never imagined her happiness would be tied up with a century-old jewel heist. Now she wants her great-grandma's necklace back. But Dillon Wyle—the handsome rancher who owns it—claims it was gifted to his family generations ago. Unfortunately, for Skye, Dillon is smart, gorgeous, and truly irresistible. And he may just steal her heart before she can reclaim anything from the past."

A few of Carroll's favorite lines are these: "Dillon stepped closer, those piercing blue eyes boring a hole into sky. How did he

do that? One look from him and she wanted to spill all her secrets."

The Cowboy Who Stole My Heart is one of five books in the Wyle Away Ranch series written by Carroll and some of her writing friends. The authors took a trip down to Bisbee, Arizona, together. "We fell in love with the unique town and decided to base our stories there," says Carroll.

Each of the five books takes place in chronological order. They can be read together, but they also stand alone. Carroll says, "We are all big fans of happily-ever-after, so none of the stories end in cliffhangers!"

The Arizona authors of the other four books in the series are Janette Rallison, Torsha Baker, Elsa Nickel, J.L. Hixon, and Kelly Oram.

Carroll shares that she and one of the other authors of the series decided to have the protagonists in their stories be identical twin brothers. She says, "We quickly

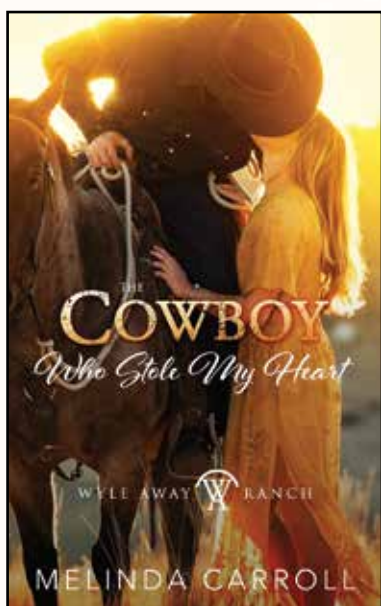
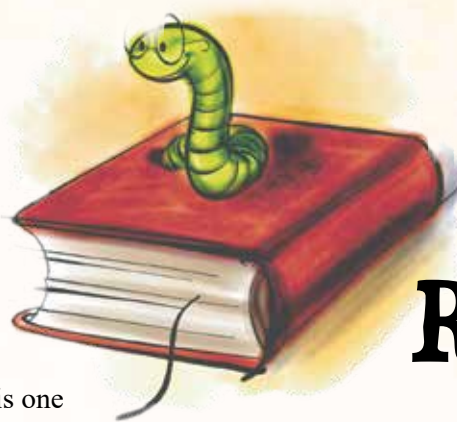


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The Cowboy Who Stole My Heart, a newly-released book.



Beehive BOOK REVIEW

By Cindy R. Williams



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Arizona author Melinda Carroll.

learned that we have different tastes in men, so it took us a little while to settle on the inspiration for our characters. We finally decided on Henry Cavill, who I think most would agree is universally attractive no matter what your taste is. And as an added bonus, he looks good in both plaid and a suit. We researched it, you know, just to make sure."

The Cowboy Who Stole My Heart and the other four Wyle Away Ranch books are available on Amazon.

Remembering the impact and legacy of a remarkable woman

Carol Ann (Adams) May, 76, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend, and Chief Executive Officer and Chair, Board of Directors of Wisdom Natural Brands® (makers of SweetLeaf® Sweeteners), returned to her Heavenly Father on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, surrounded by her family in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Carol was born on July 31, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She then moved with her family, at age 15, to Phoenix, Arizona. Two years later, Carol was awarded a scholarship to study acting in New York City. Her lifelong passion was the love of theater. However, fate stepped in when Carol met the love of her life, James May. The two married at the Mesa Arizona Temple on November 22, 1963, and her future with James began. The couple shared a lifetime of love. Together they had six children: David, James Jr., Steve, Michael, Shannon, and Erin. Although she had a full house, Carol was accomplished with her education. She graduated with a B.A. in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude from Arizona State University; M.A. in Education, Summa Cum Laude, Northern Arizona University; M.C. Professional Degree in Counseling Psychology, Magna Cum Laude, Arizona State University. In 1985, Carol joined her husband at Wisdom Natural Brands (now in Gilbert AZ) and together they built an international company doing business in over 50 countries.

Carol has been recognized with five international Stevie Awards for Women in Business in both 2014 and 2015, (including Lifetime Achievement, Entrepreneur of the Year, Executive of the Year in Business, Lifetime Achievement and Entrepreneur of the Year in Consumer Products). Carol was named one of the Top Women in Grocery in 2013 by Progressive Grocer

Magazine, to the Arizona State University Sun Devil 100 during 2017 and 2019, and into the ASU President's Club in 2019. Carol was inducted (with her husband) into the prestigious Natural Products Industry Hall of Legends 2016. She was recognized as one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona by AZ Business Magazine in 2015, and one of the Most Admired Leaders of Arizona in 2019.

As an ambassador for health and wellness, Carol enjoyed participating in the Dean's Council of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Arizona State University, and partnering with their Department of Psychology in developing prevention research pertaining to the intake of dietary sugars in order to reduce cardiovascular risk. Carol served on the American Heart Association's Industry Nutrition Advisory Forum. She represented her company in the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and served on the Board of Directors in the East Valley Partnership. In the past, she has served as a member of the Calorie Control Council and the Women's Alliance, both international groups, and has been active in state and regional programs for children and families, as well as children's hospitals.

Carol focused on improving the quality of life for others. She had a love of family history and was a member of the Arizona State Genealogy Association. Her commitment to family, company, and community were tireless. Over the years, Carol served on the ASU Psychology for Life Advisory Board; Banner Health, Pediatric Advisory Council; Regional Advisory Board on Metabolic Testing of Infants; Advisory Board to the AZ Department of Education on Chronically Ill Children; Member of the Advisory Board to AZ

Department of Health (Children's Division); Member of Maricopa County Medical Society committee on Pediatrics; Advisory Board for the Food and Beverage Industry; Member in the Organization of Women in International Trade; Member of the American Herbal Products Association; Member of the Institute of Food Technology and the National Specialty Food Association; and in various volunteer positions in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Carol was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and a beloved friend to many, near and far. She will be remembered as a never-tiring, always-focused business leader, community advocate, and Wisdom Natural Brands® ambassador of health and well-being. Her company's products give consumers the tools to make enjoyable, better-for-you dietary choices to meet the needs of busy lifestyles. Carol's legacy will always be remembered as being committed to being a part of everyone's journey to live a longer, healthier, happier life.

She is survived by her sons, Steve and Michael (Christine), and daughters, Shannon (Jay) and Erin, and 7 grandchildren: Nathaniel, Emily, Andrew, Daniel, Jonathan, Chloe, and Julia.



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The Mesa Arizona Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be rededicated Sunday, December 12, 2021! President Dallin H. Oaks of the First Presidency will preside at the temple's rededication. The temple will be rededicated in three sessions, including 9 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. The public open house will be held from Saturday, October 16 through Saturday, November 20, except for Sundays, including October 17, 24 and 31, and November 7 and 14. To make a reservation to attend the Mesa Arizona Temple Open House, please visit www.mesatemple.org. The new Mesa Temple Visitors' Center is now open to the public.

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Hope Women's Center *Helps Women and Families Thrive*

By Hillary Jade Fevrier

It is clear in every book of scripture and in modern-day revelations that women are sacred and beloved in the eyes of the Lord. From Eve to Mary to Emma Smith to Wendy Nelson, the power of women of God can be felt through generations. Many recorded interactions between certain women and the Savior Himself have been canonized in the New Testament, yet there are no recorded instances in which He ever belittles, demeans, or scorns a woman. To the contrary, He repeatedly treats women with compassion and reverence.

Hope Women's Center is a charity that reveres women, following the pattern set by the Savior. The website proudly proclaims, "Hope Women's Center is committed to seeing women and families thrive."

With six locations across the Valley, Hope Women's Center has a broad reach in bringing many benefits to women in the Phoenix area. While Hope began in 1984 as a small crisis pregnancy center, today its programs are holistically designed to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each client at no cost. Services offered include one-on-one mentoring and support groups, parenting classes, pregnancy tests and prenatal classes, grief counseling, maternity homes and more. Hope has



Nothing can compare to the influence of a mother.

Photo courtesy of Hope Women's Center

a unique way to encourage women to make the steps necessary for their healing. When clients attend courses, they earn credits that can be redeemed at one of the organization's boutiques for essential items like shampoo, toothpaste, laundry soap, etc.

Because Hope Women's Center offers so many free services to women in need, it creates plenty of opportunities for community members to get involved. Donations may be made in the form of supplies for the boutiques or financial donations. Volunteer oppor-

tunities include teaching/mentoring, assisting in the boutique, facilitating a support group, doing yardwork, collecting donations, etc. Hope offers volunteer opportunities specifically for families and churches.

The organization also sponsors many special events throughout the year, the biggest being the Night of Hope Gala, which falls this year on September 18. The gala features an elegant meal, silent and live auction, special music and an engaging program that highlights the mission and vision of Hope Women's Center.

James E. Faust said, "Be proud of your womanhood. Enhance it. Use it to serve others." Only a woman sacrificed her last portion of meal to feed the prophet Elijah. Only a woman had the faith to be healed by touching the hem of Jesus's robe. Only a woman was the ultimate creation on this earth. Hope Women's Center clearly understands the impact and importance of women, just as Christ Himself did. Together with Hope Women's Center, we can help more women be proud of their womanhood, fulfill their infinite, divine potential and step into the roles they were meant to fill.

Visit <https://hopewomenscenter.org/> for more information.



Group classes are free to the community.

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